

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the indicated paragraphs of the specification in accordance with the amendments indicated below.

Page 1: Between the Title and the 1<sup>st</sup> full paragraph, insert the following heading:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION:**

1<sup>st</sup> full paragraph, amend as indicated below:

The invention relates to a power assisted steering system for vehicles, in particular passenger cars, ~~according to the preamble of claim 1~~.

Page 3: Between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> full paragraphs, insert the following heading:

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION:**

2<sup>nd</sup> full paragraph, amend as indicated below:

The invention ~~is based on the object of~~ relates to improving a power assisted steering system of the type mentioned at the beginning in order to improve the efficiency and/or the timing response, and thus also the steering sensation and/or

to make it resistant to pressure fluctuations which originate from the steering system so that a robust system is produced.

3<sup>rd</sup> full paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4, amend as indicated below:

~~This is achieved with the features of claim 1, a~~ A fixed throttle ~~being~~ is provided as the measurement throttle and ~~being~~ is able to have such large cross-sectional dimensions that only slight throttle losses occur with respect to the operating ranges in which the throttle is generally mainly operated and in which only a low level of power assistance is required and in which therefore only a small volume flow flows across the measurement throttle. In addition, as a result of the fact that the actuating force of the actuator element is actively variable with effect of varying the volume flow so that the opening cross section can be actively varied in a way which is superimposed on the volume-flow-dependent adjustment of this opening cross section of the outflow throttle as overflow cross section, said adjustment being carried out by means of the pressure compensator, in particular by means of a regulating piston as pressure compensator, for which purpose, within the scope of the invention, in particular an actuator member which can be adjusted as a function of the current applied can be provided. In particular such an actuator member - as a force actuator - is formed by a magnet actuator by means of which the pressure

compensator or the regulating piston which forms the pressure compensator can be charged directly or indirectly, the respective actuating force which is applied by means of the magnet actuator resulting in a brief incorrect adjustment of the pressure compensator until the change in the volume flow has resulted in the pressure equilibrium which is to be established with respect to the actuating force of the magnet actuator is formed.

Page 5: Between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> full paragraphs, insert the following heading:

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS:**

Between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> full paragraphs, insert the following heading:

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS:**

**ABSTRACT AMENDMENTS**

Please cancel the present abstract and replace the abstract with the cleanly typed substitute abstract submitted on the following separate page.